

Remarks

Claims 5 and 8-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 6 and 7 have been canceled hereinabove without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 12-21, 23 and 24 have been allowed.

Claims 5 and 8-11 were objected to, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 5 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form and are therefore allowable. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 5 and 8-11 is therefore respectfully requested.

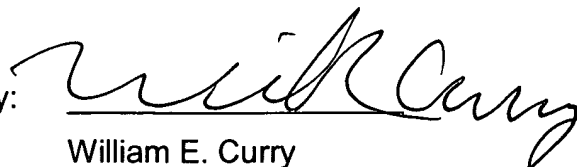
Claims 1-4, 6-7 and 22 were rejected. Claims 1-4 and 6-7 have been canceled. Claim 22 has been amended to depend on allowable claim 5 and is therefore likewise allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 22 is therefore respectfully requested.

In light of the above, the present application contains only allowed or allowable claims. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of the application and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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